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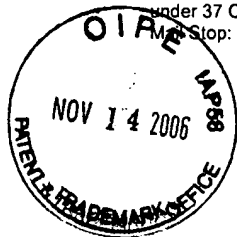
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) Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/818,086 )

) Examiner: TUNG, Joyce

Filed: March 26, 2001 )

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2006

("Action"). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**